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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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- **Winter weather with travel impacts for SW/West/West-Central/NW TX into portions of OK/N AR today & tomorrow.**
 - **Heavy snow (6-18 inches) will lead to significant travel impacts for SW & W TX.**
- **Heavy rain/flooding over E/NE TX, SE OK, NW LA into AR today & tomorrow.**
- **Severe storms over S-Central TX into the TX Coastal Plains today, shifting to SE TX and LA on Thursday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Dec 30, 2020 - Jan 3, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Severe Storms	S-Central TX into TX Coastal Plains	SE TX into LA			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	E/NE TX, SE OK, NW LA, AR	NE TX, SE OK, NW LA, AR			
Fire Weather					
Winter Weather	SW & W TX	SW & W TX	N OK, N AR		
	NW/W-Cntrl TX, OK, N AR	NW/W-Cntrl TX, OK, N AR			
River Flooding	SW LA	ETX, AR, SE OK & NW LA	ETX, AR, SE OK & NW LA	ETX, AR, SE OK & NW LA	ETX, AR, SE OK & NW LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

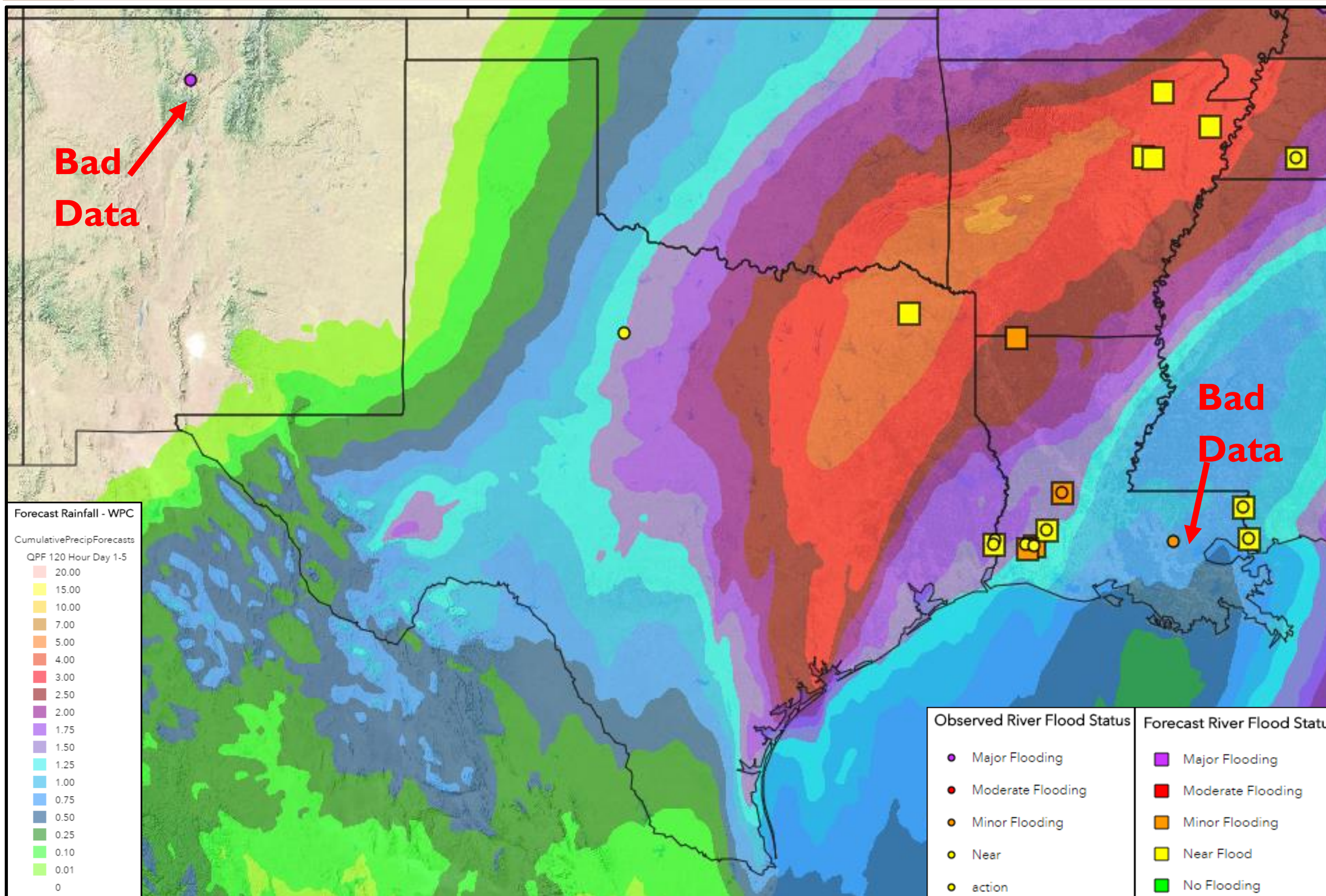
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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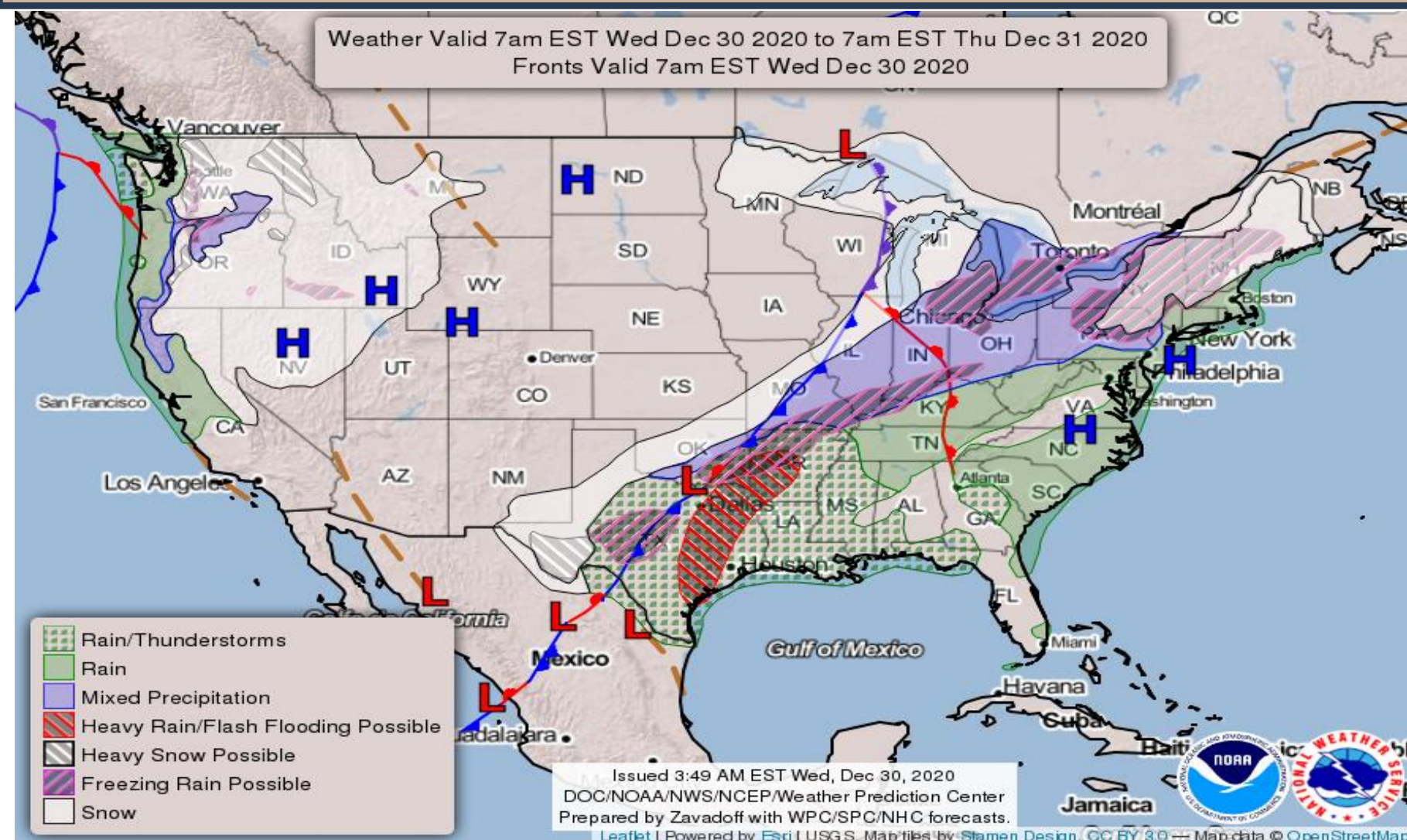


Rainfall today and Thursday over eastern portions of the Region may cause minor to isolated moderate river flooding.

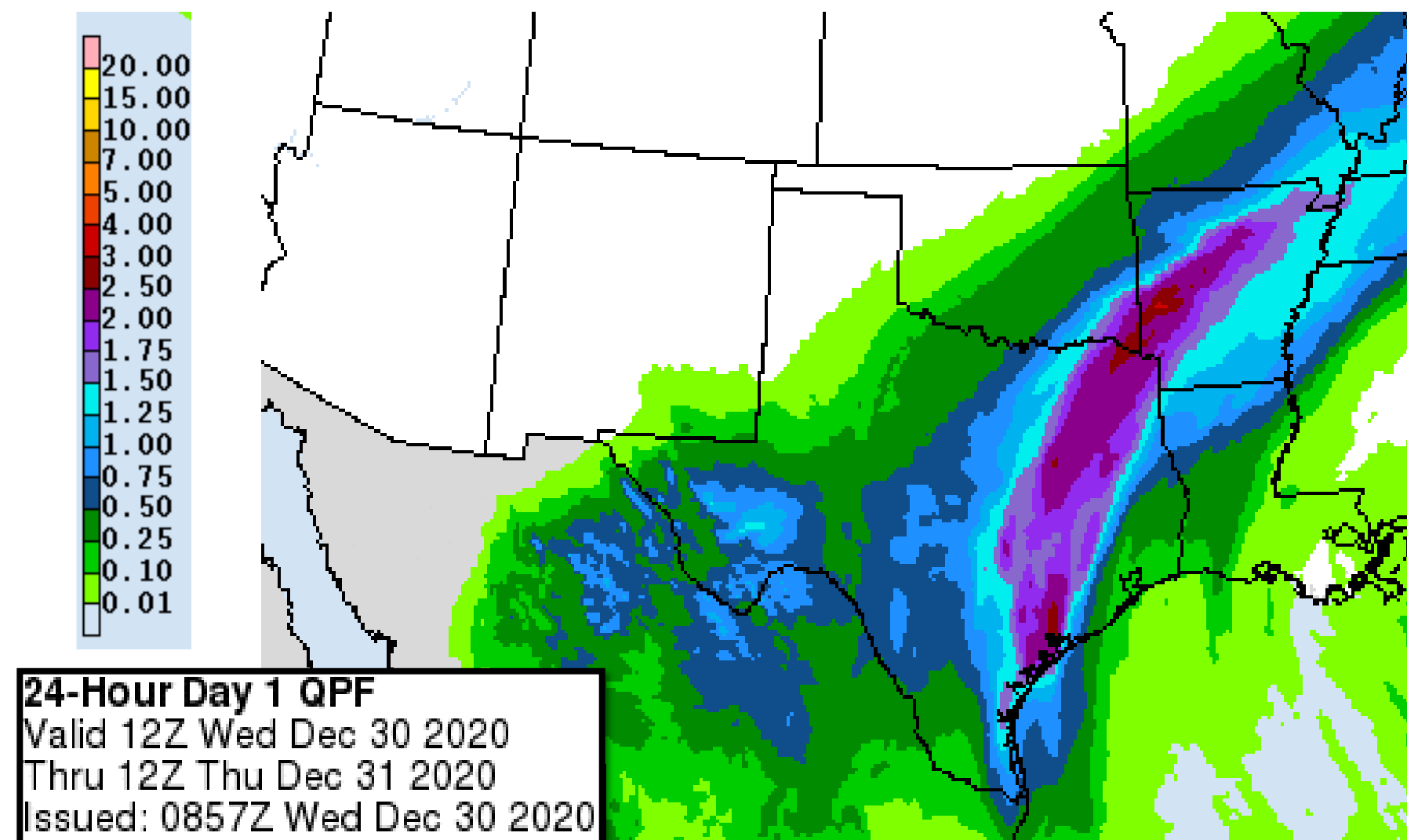
Minor river flooding continues on the Calcasieu River in SW LA this week; some flooding of roads and forested areas near the river.

Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

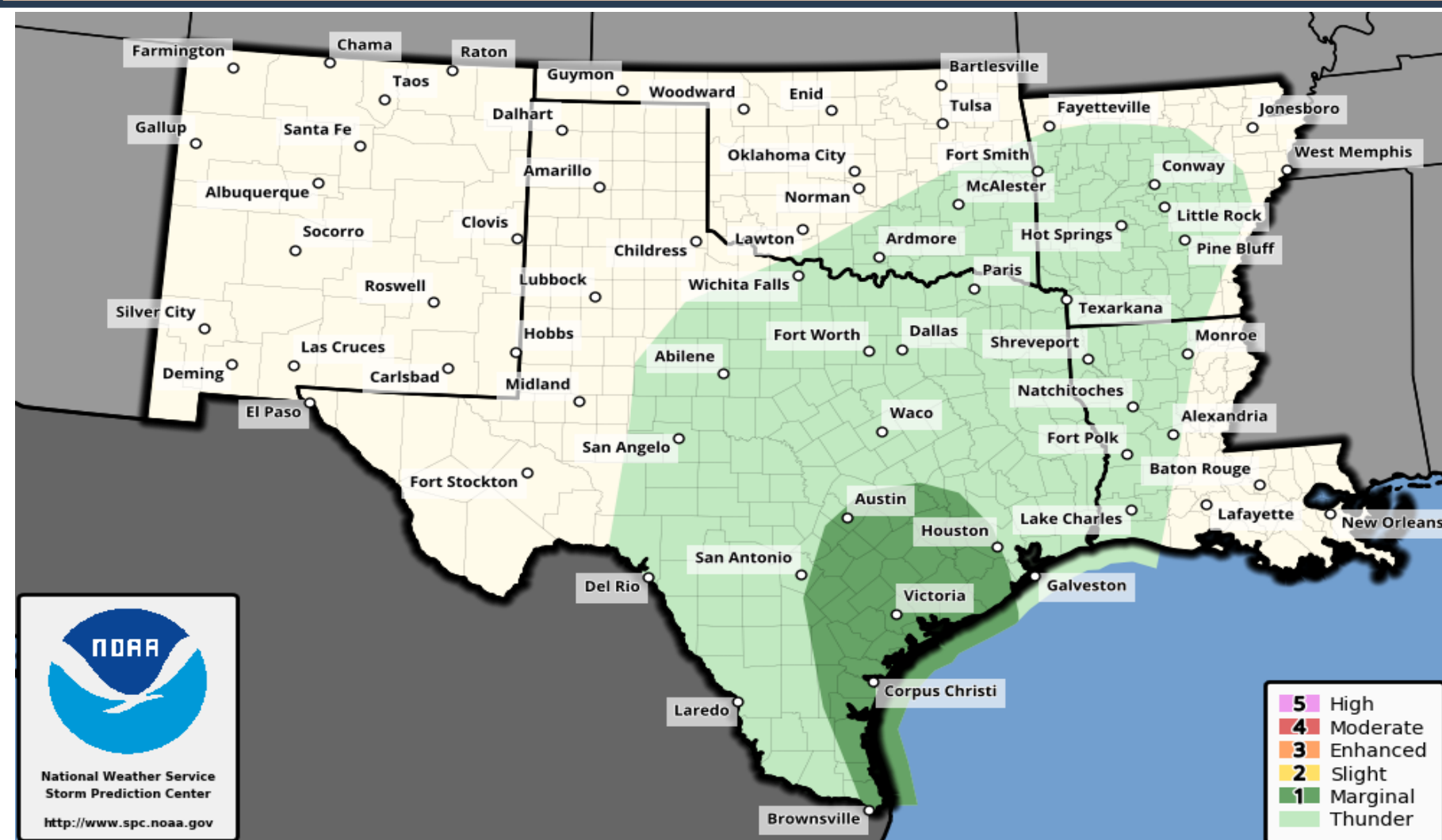


Heavy snow will lead to significant travel impacts for SW & W TX.

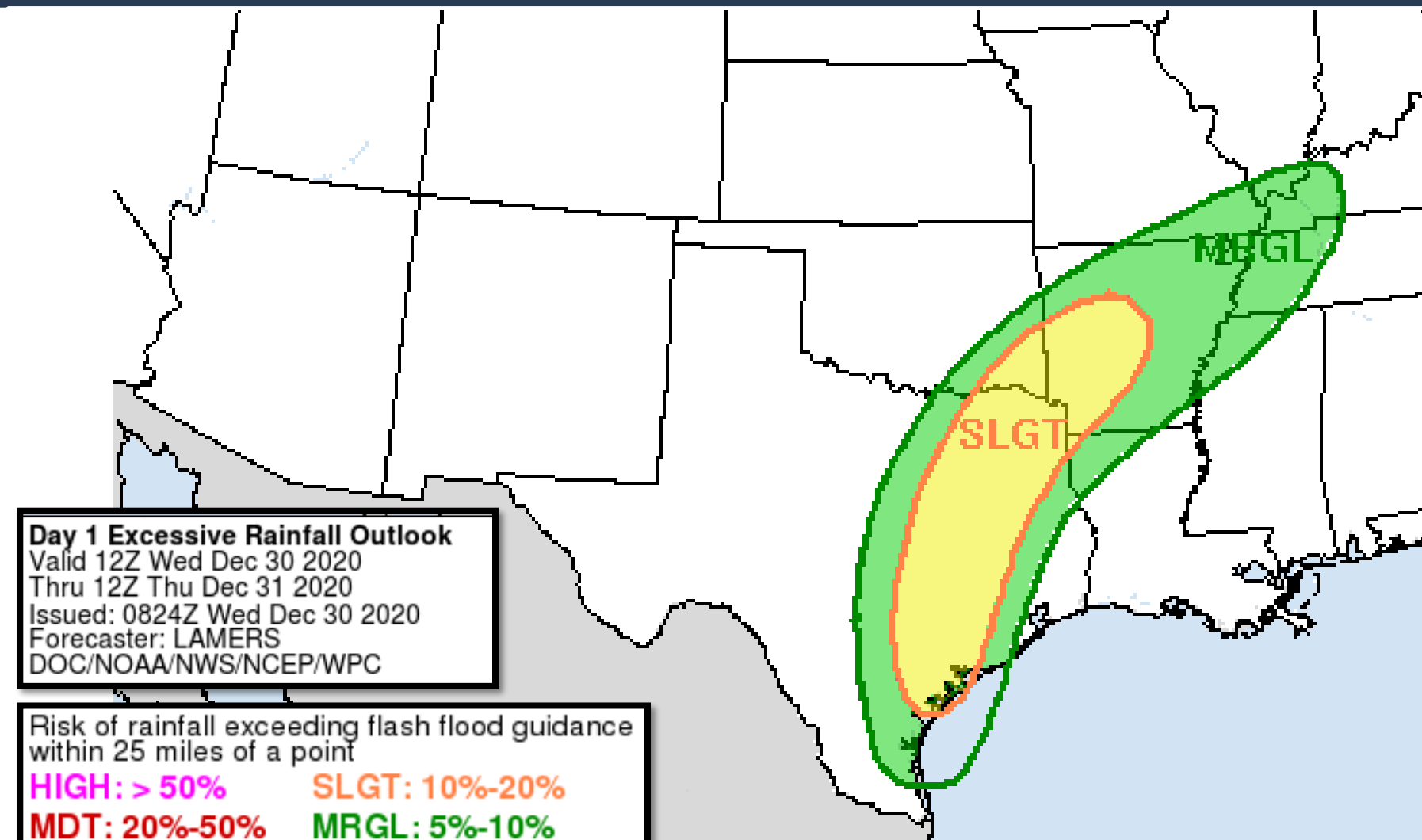
Winter weather with travel impacts possible over OK into NW & W-Central TX, & N AR.

Heavy rain / flash flooding over E&NE TX, SE OK, NW LA, into AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



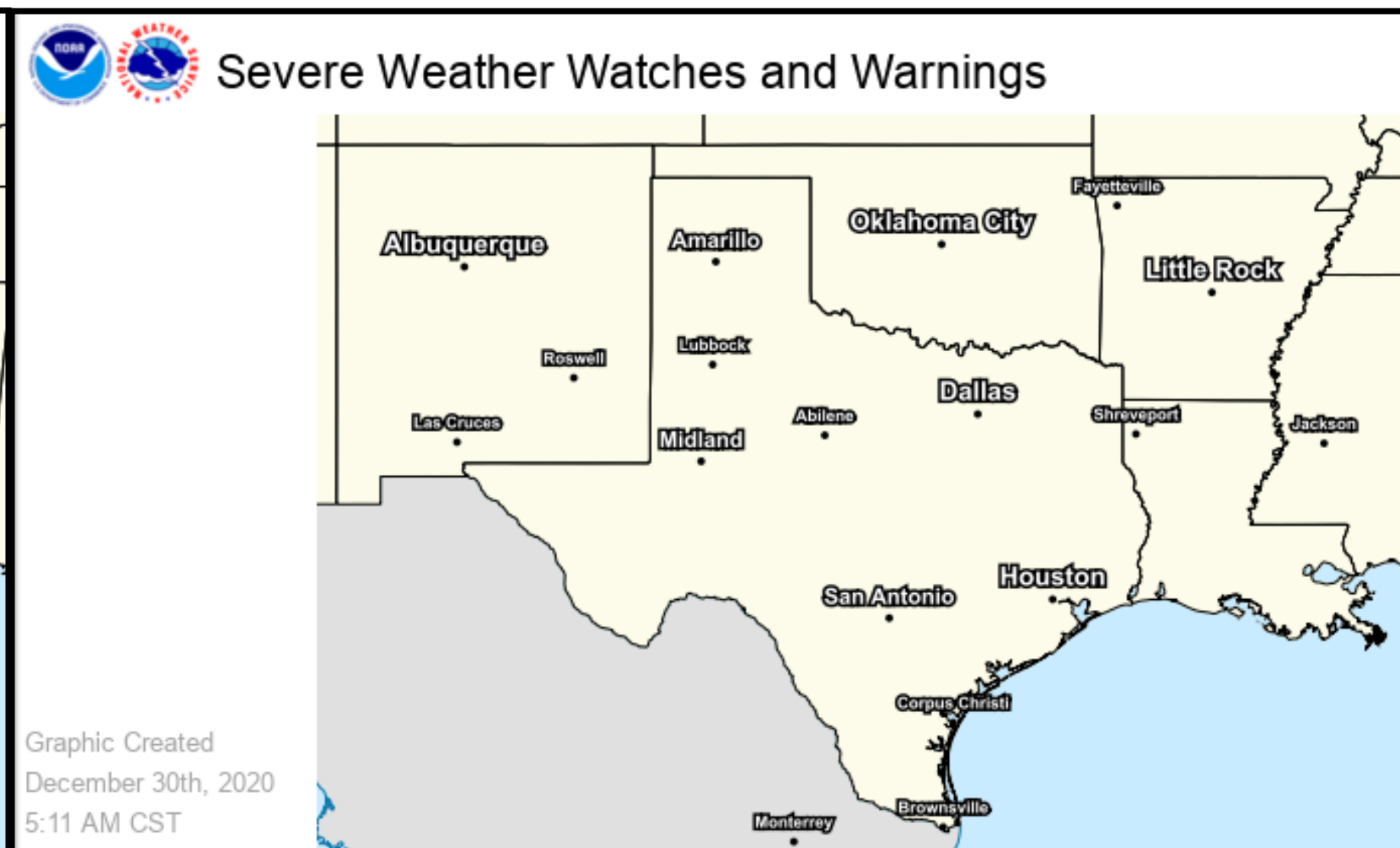
Marginal risk of severe thunderstorms across South-Central TX into the TX Coastal Plains this afternoon into tonight. Strong wind gusts and hail are the main threats. A tornado or two possible.

Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Wind, Severe, Winter, and Flood Hazards

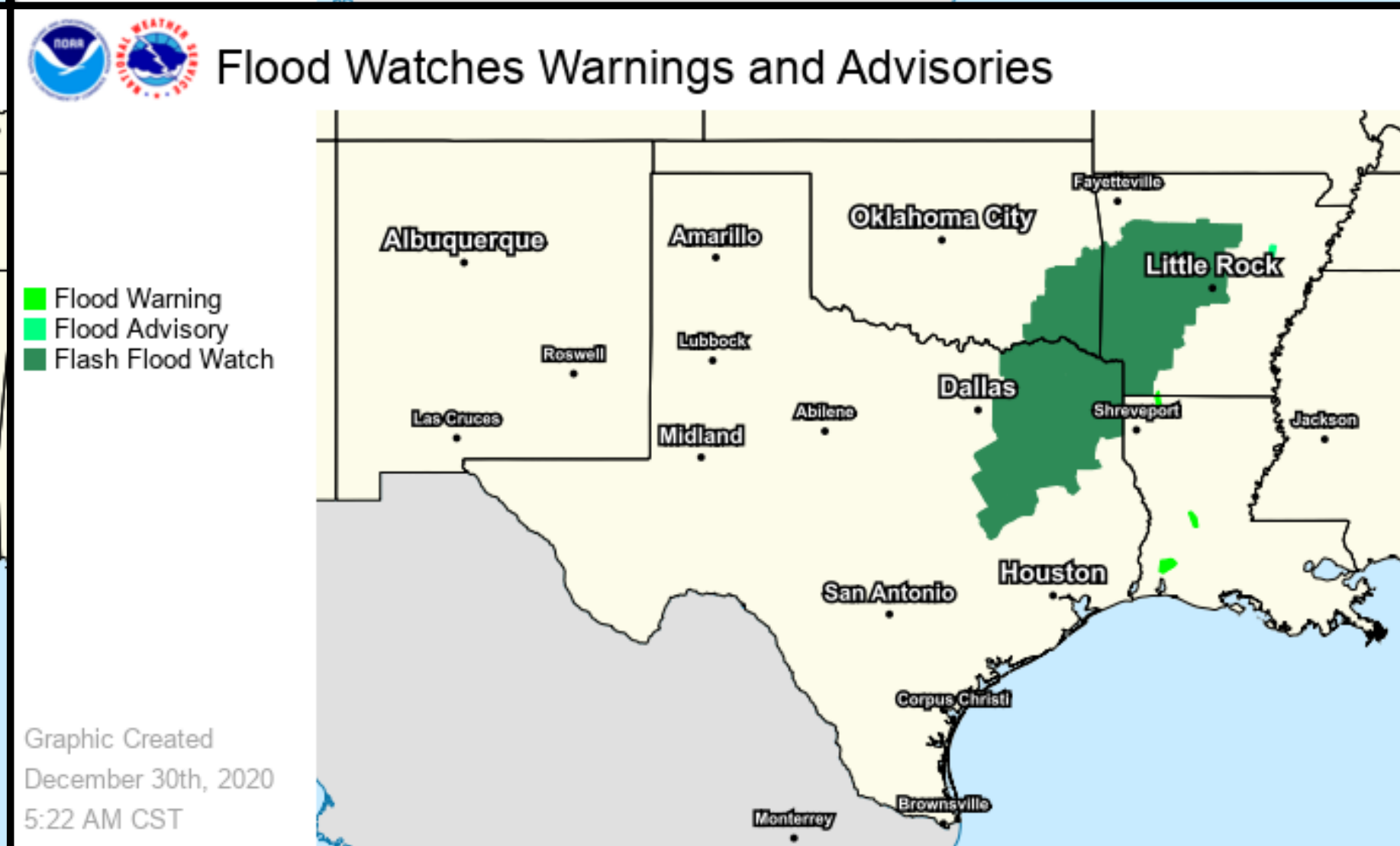
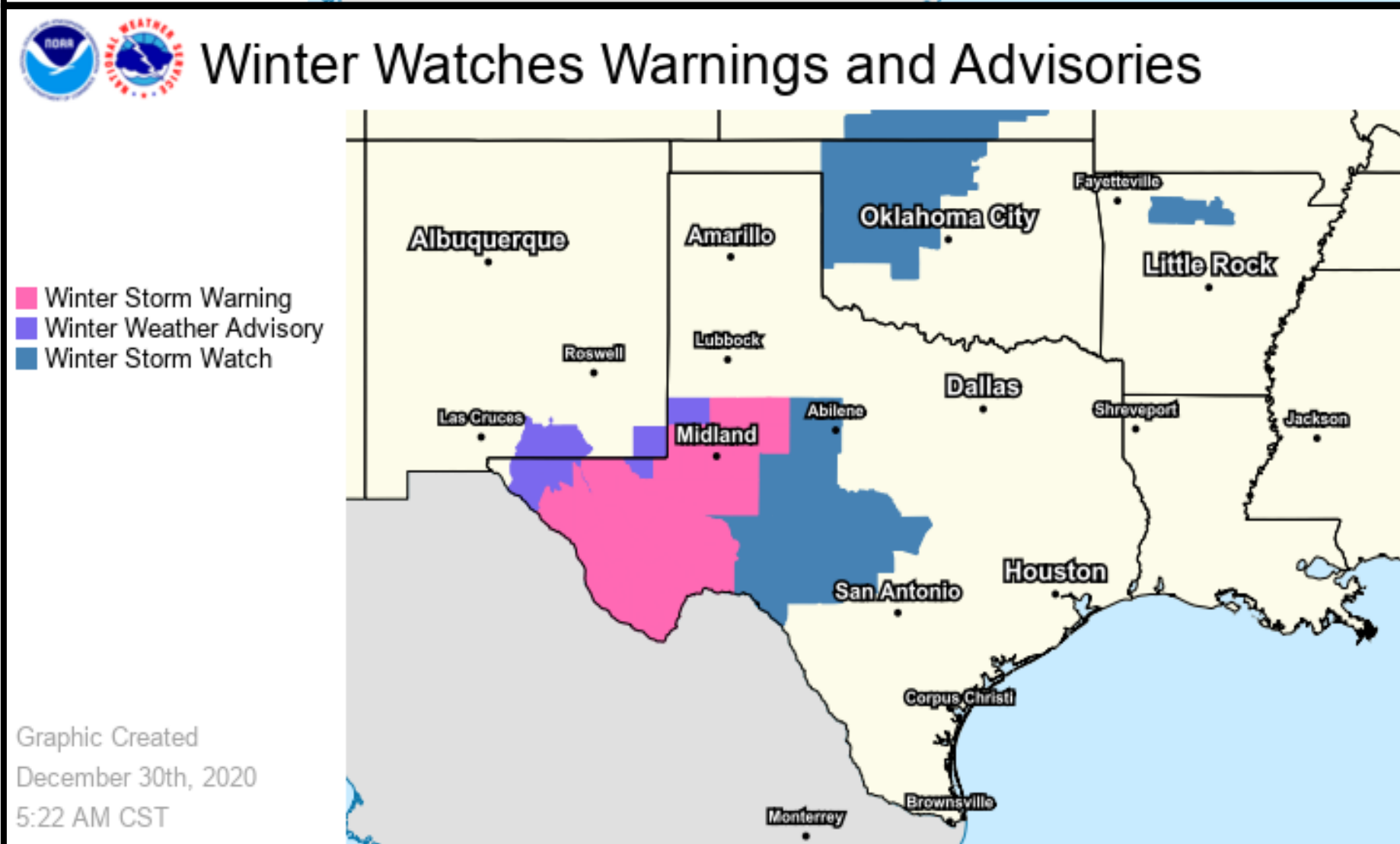


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Winter Storm Warnings for portions of southwest and western Texas from noon today to midnight Thursday. Heavy snow (6-18 inches) expected. Travel will be very difficult to impossible.

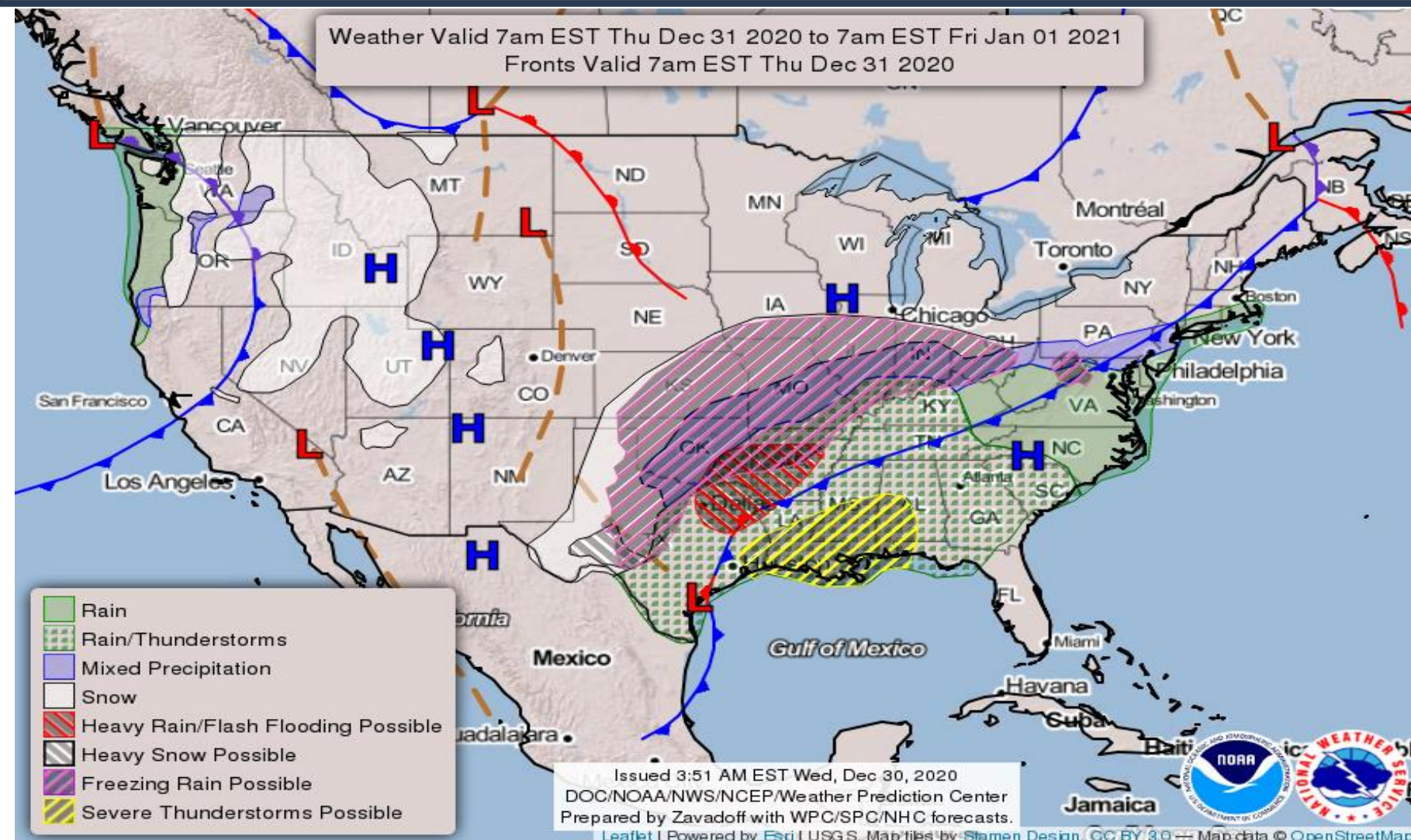
Winter Storm Watches in effect for portions of W-Central TX this evening through Thursday evening and for NW OK from Thursday afternoon through Friday morning. Travel could very difficult.



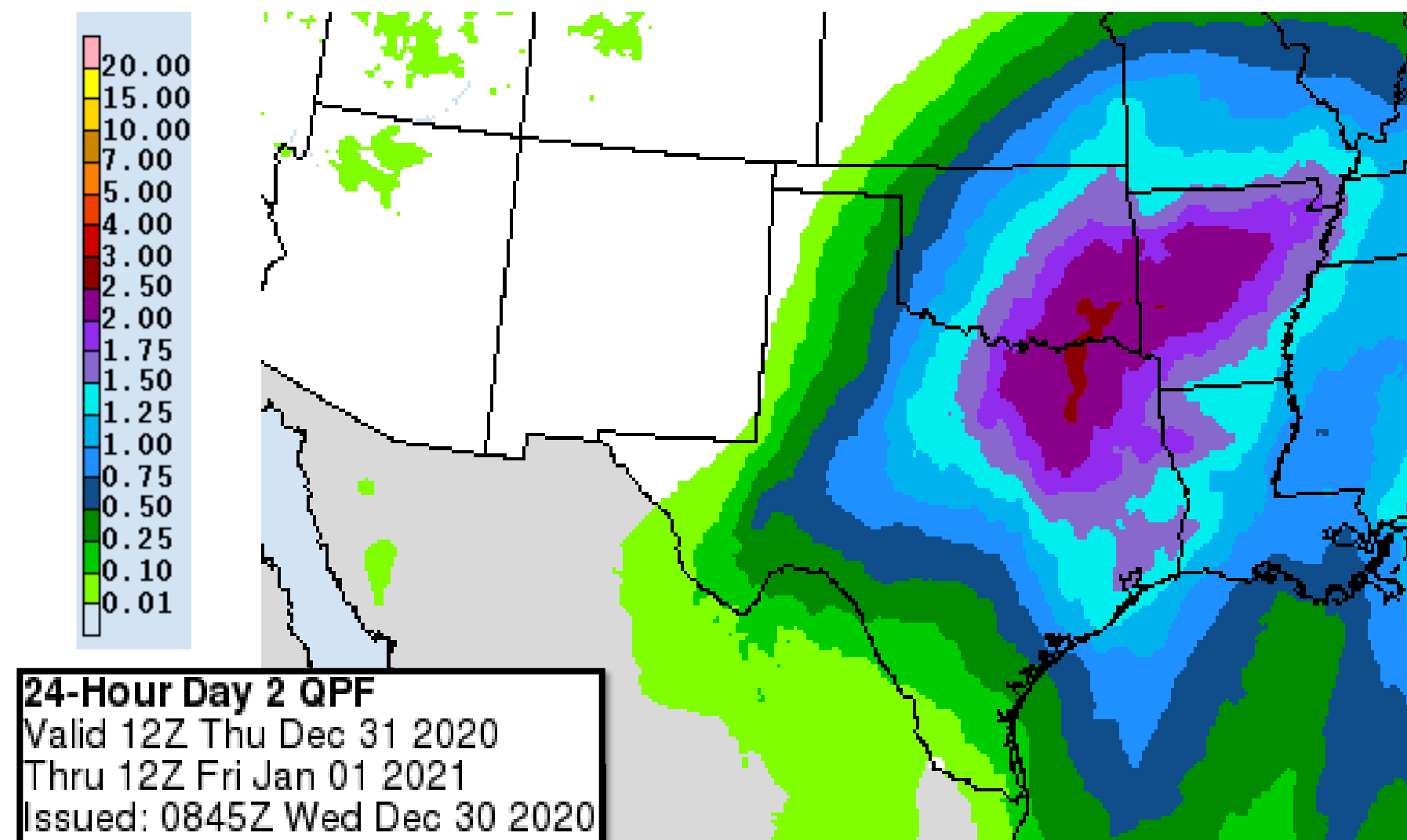
Flash Flood Watches for NE TX into SE OK and western/central AR today through tomorrow.

Tomorrow's Weather

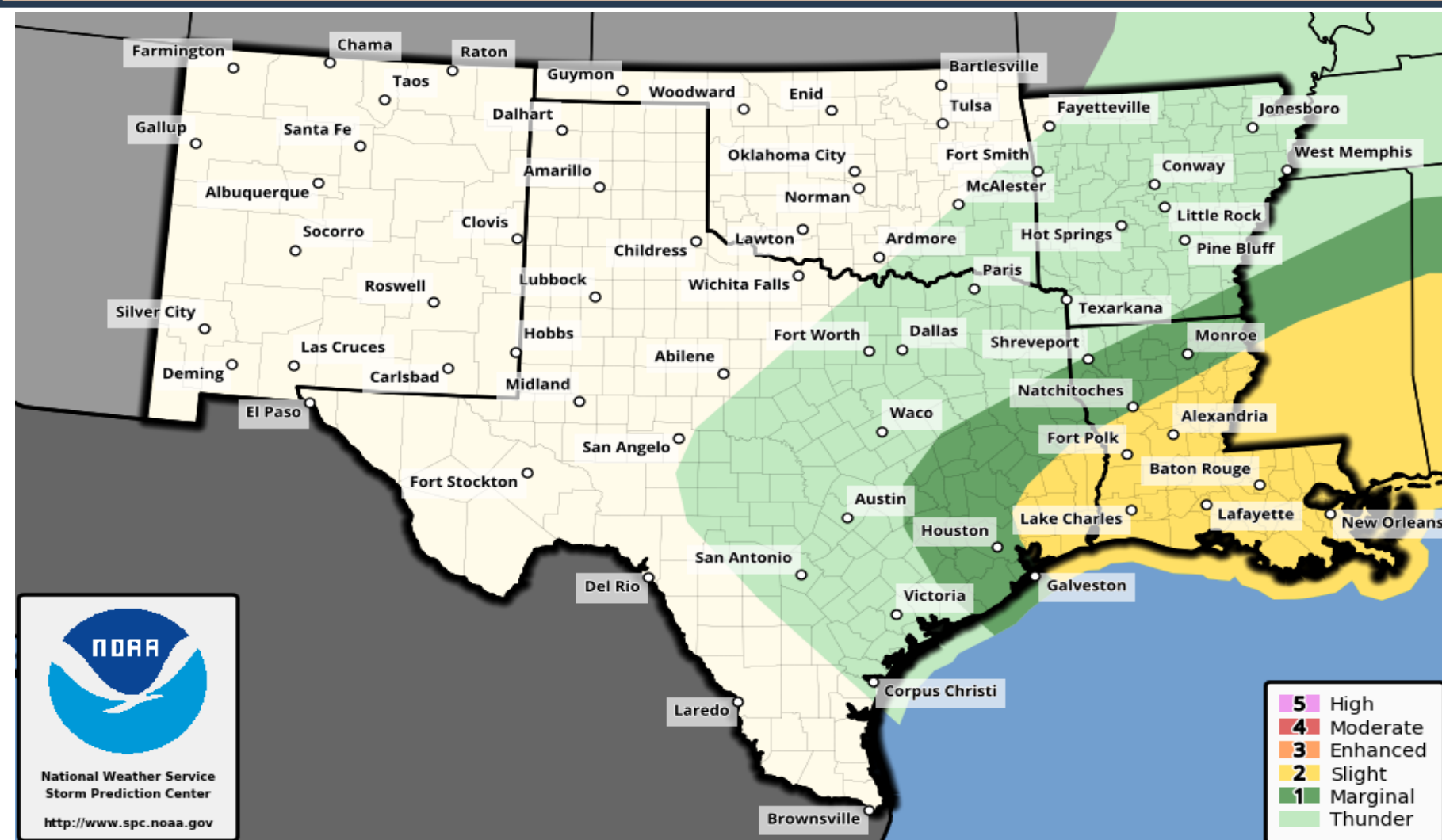
Forecast Chart



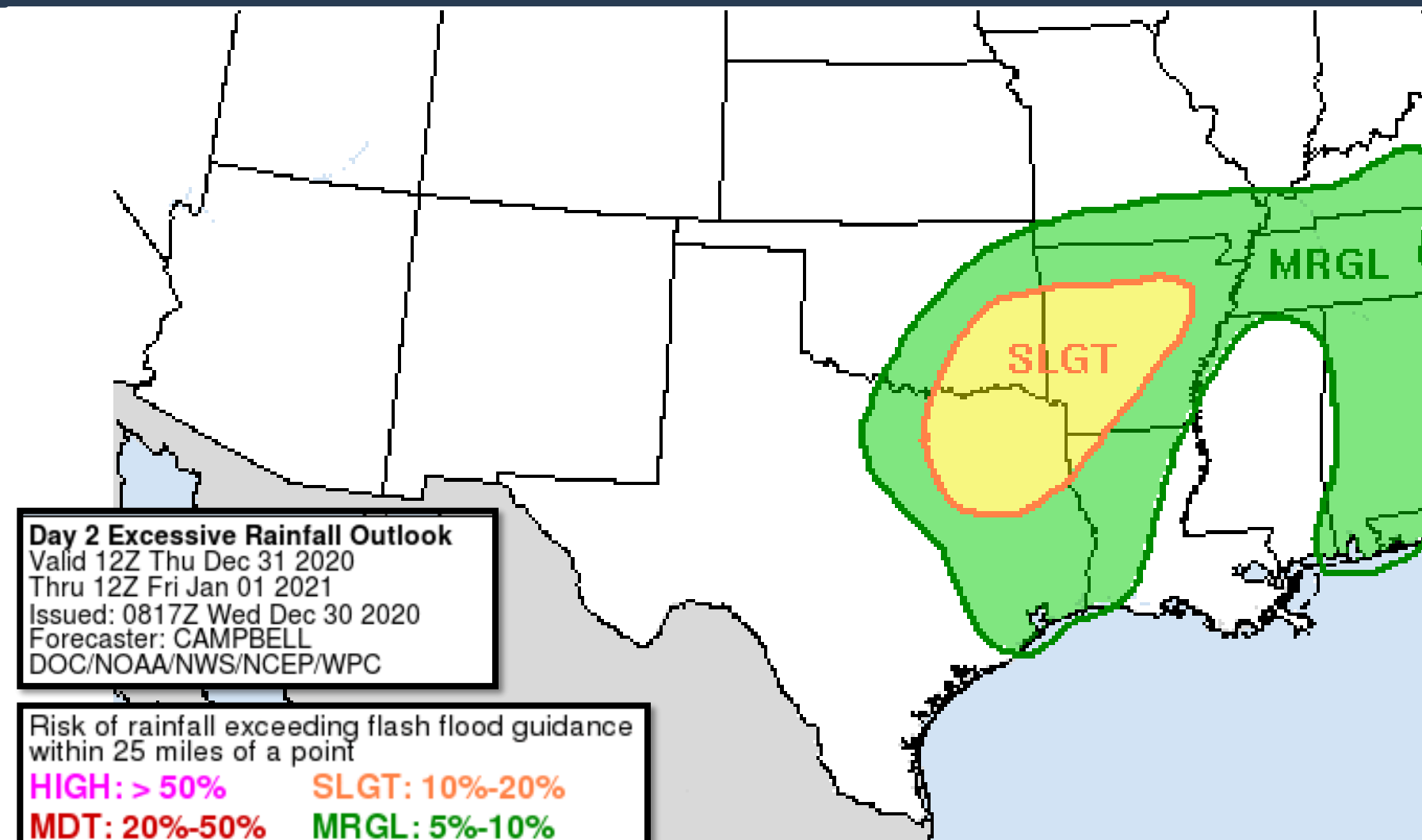
Forecast Rainfall



Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Heavy snow will continue to lead to significant travel impacts for SW & W TX.

Winter weather with travel impacts possible over OK into NW & W-Central TX, & N AR.

Heavy rain / flash flood threat continues over NE TX, SE OK, NW LA, into AR.

Slight risk of severe thunderstorms for SE TX into LA.

Tornadoes and damaging winds are the main threats.

Winter Weather

Wednesday - Friday



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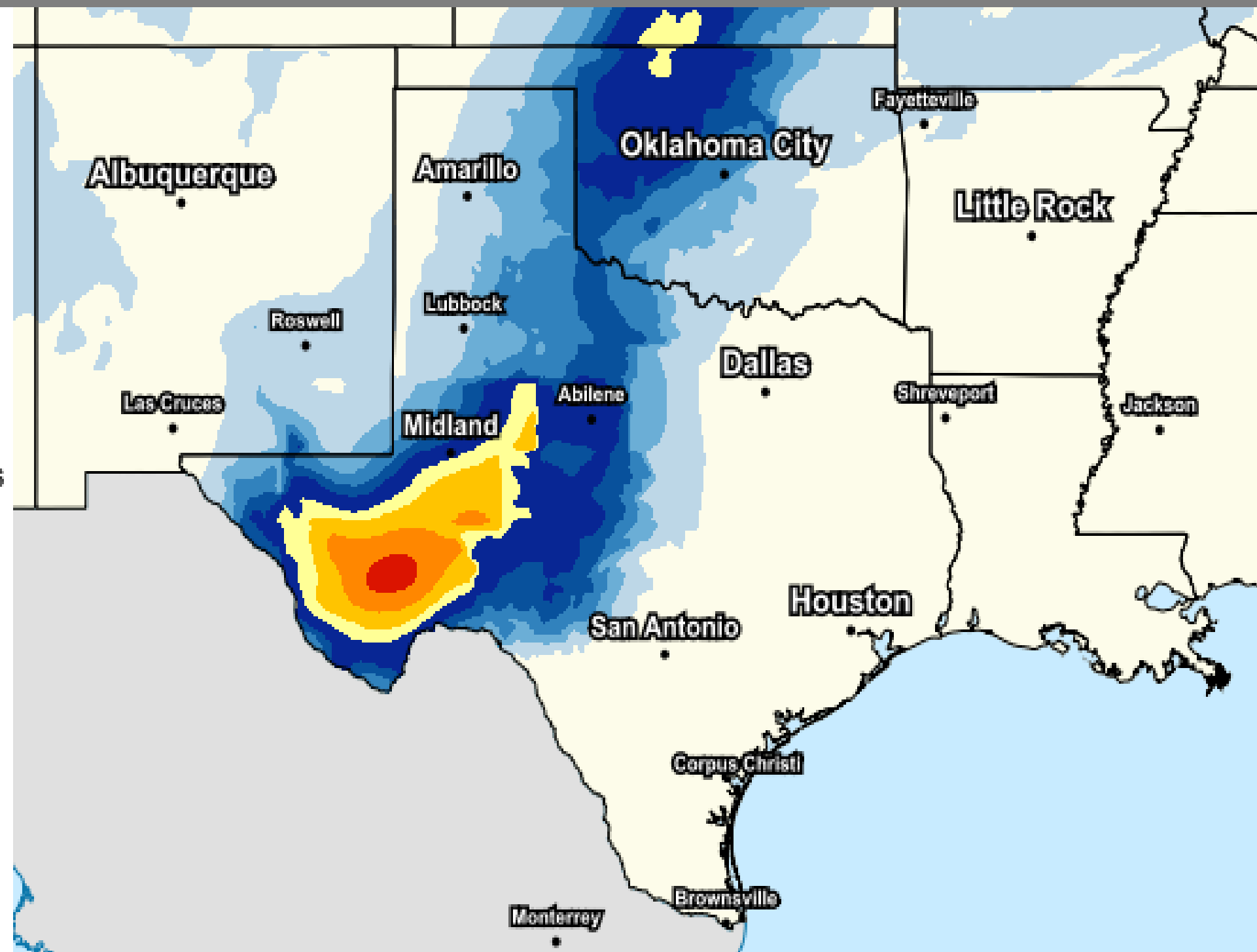
Forecast Snow Amounts



Forecast Snowfall

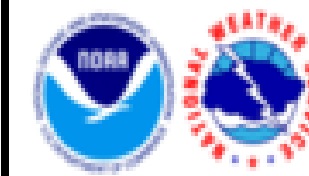
Valid Ending Saturday January 2nd, 2021 at 6 AM CST

- Less than an inch
- 1 to 2 inches
- 2 to 3 inches
- 3 to 4 inches
- 4 to 6 inches
- 6 to 8 inches
- 8 to 12 inches
- 12 to 18 inches
- 18 to 24 inches
- 24 to 30 inches
- 30 to 36 inches
- Greater than 36 inches



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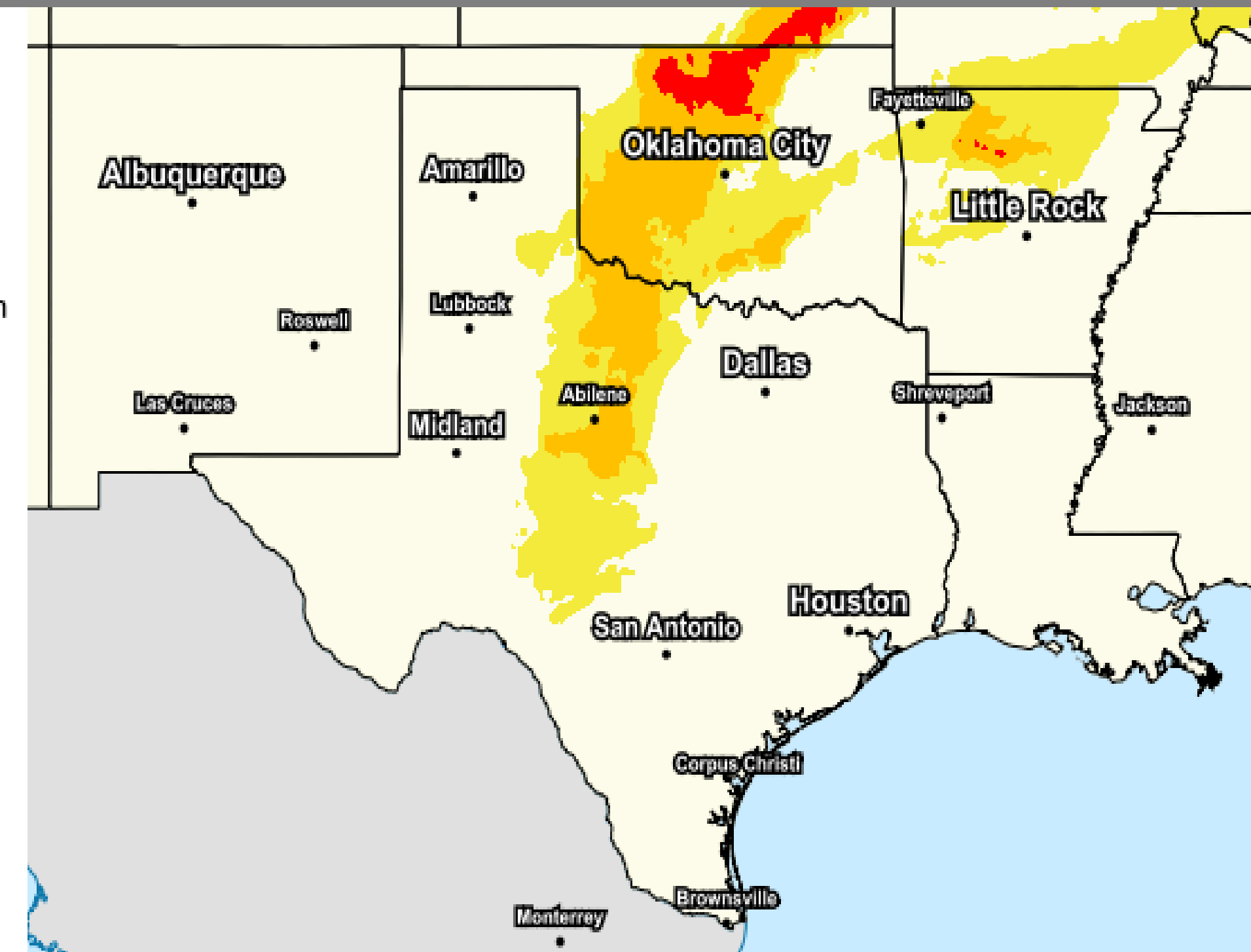
Forecast Ice Amounts



Ice Accumulation Forecast

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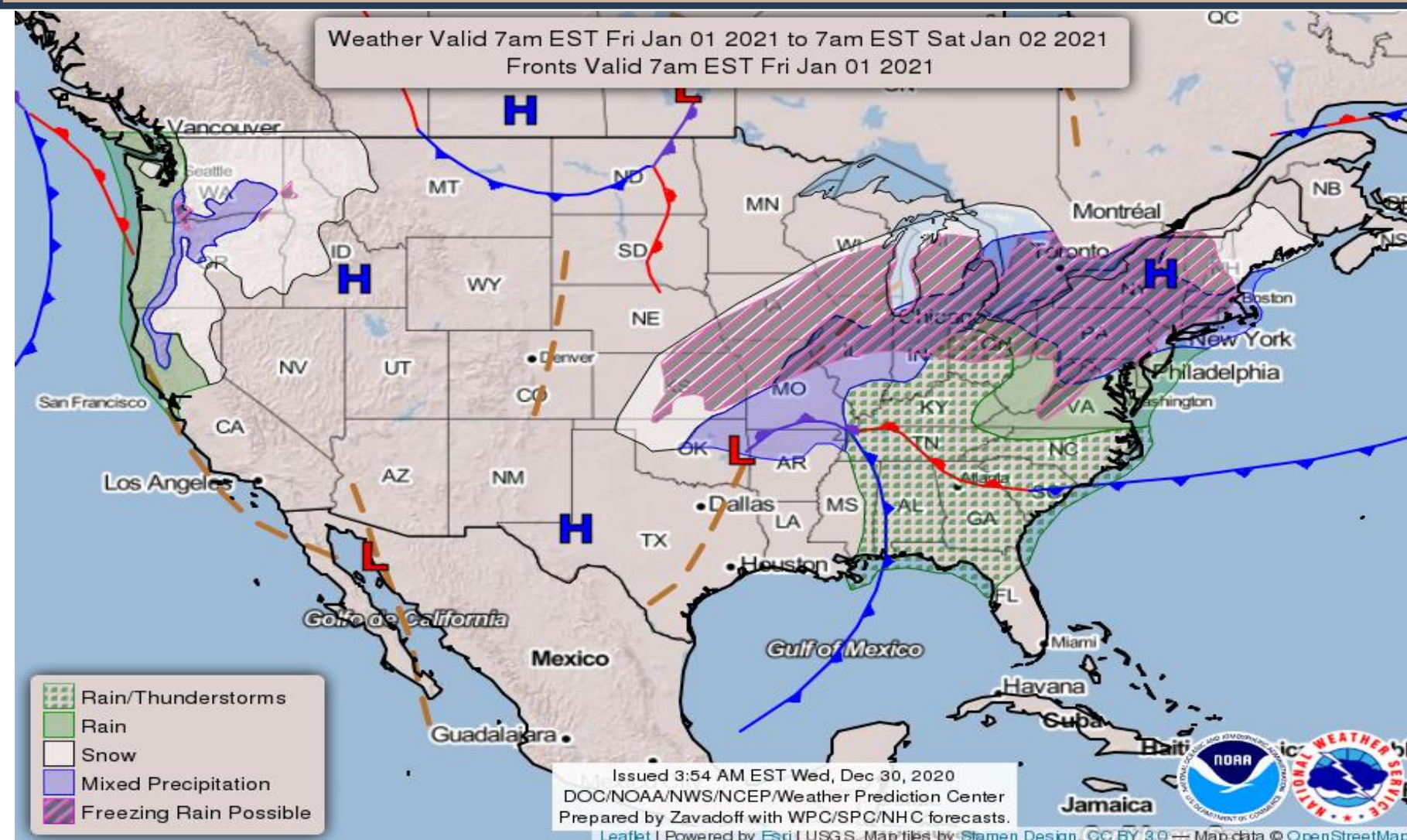
- 0.01 to 0.10 inch
- 0.10 to 0.25 inch
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- 0.50 to 0.75 inch
- 0.75 to 1.0 inch
- 1.0 to 2.0 inch
- Greater than 2.0 inch



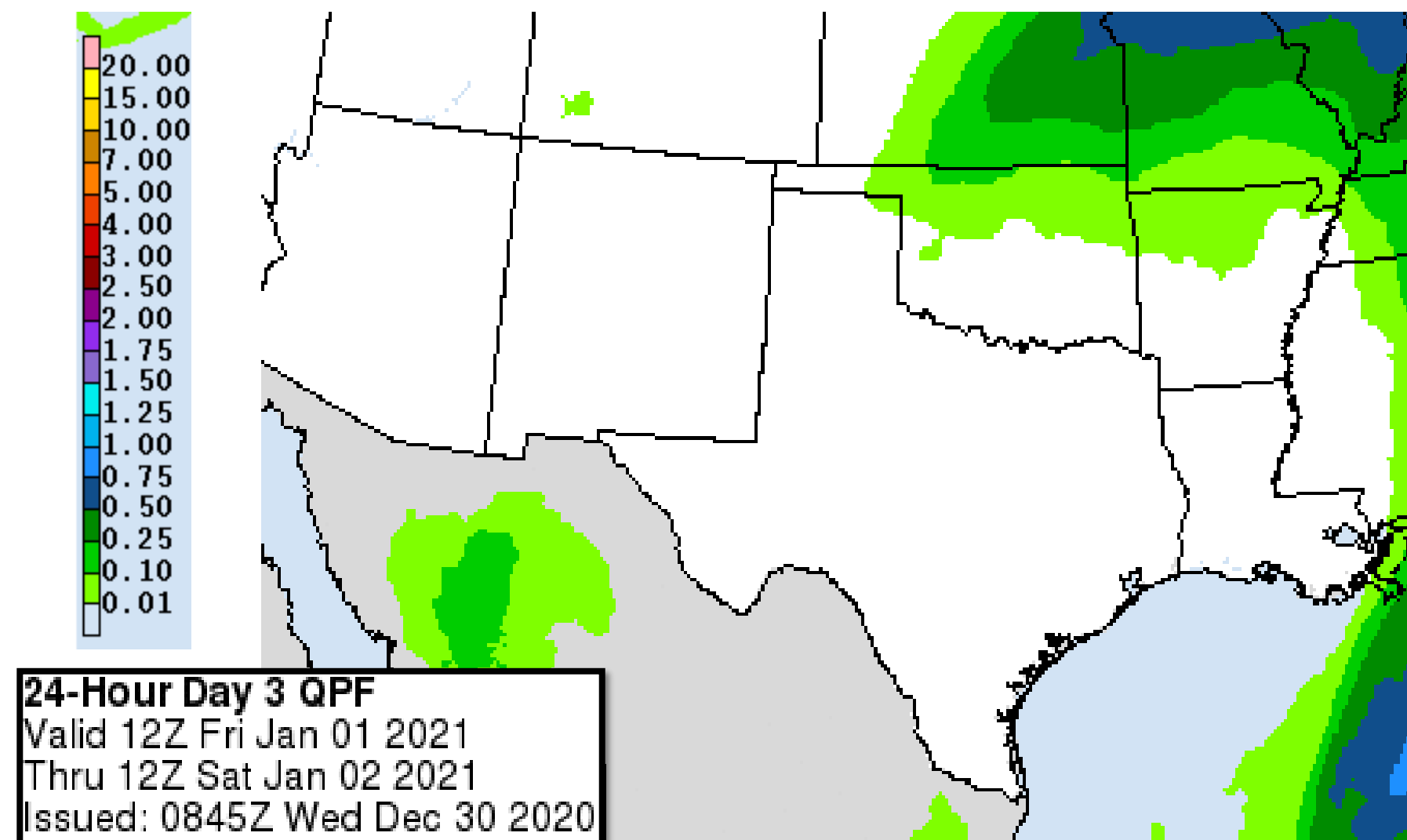
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Friday's Weather

Forecast Chart

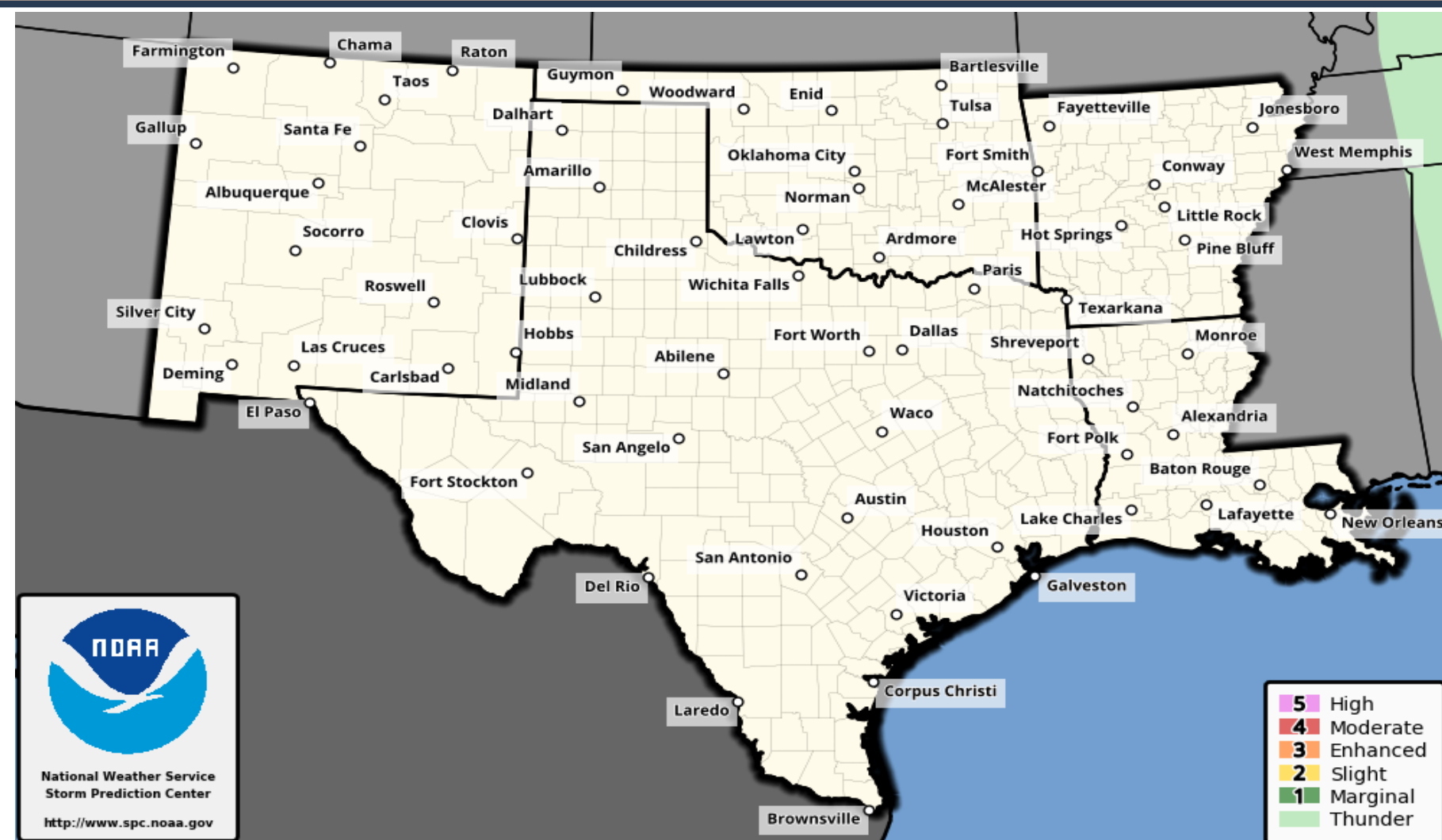


Forecast Rainfall

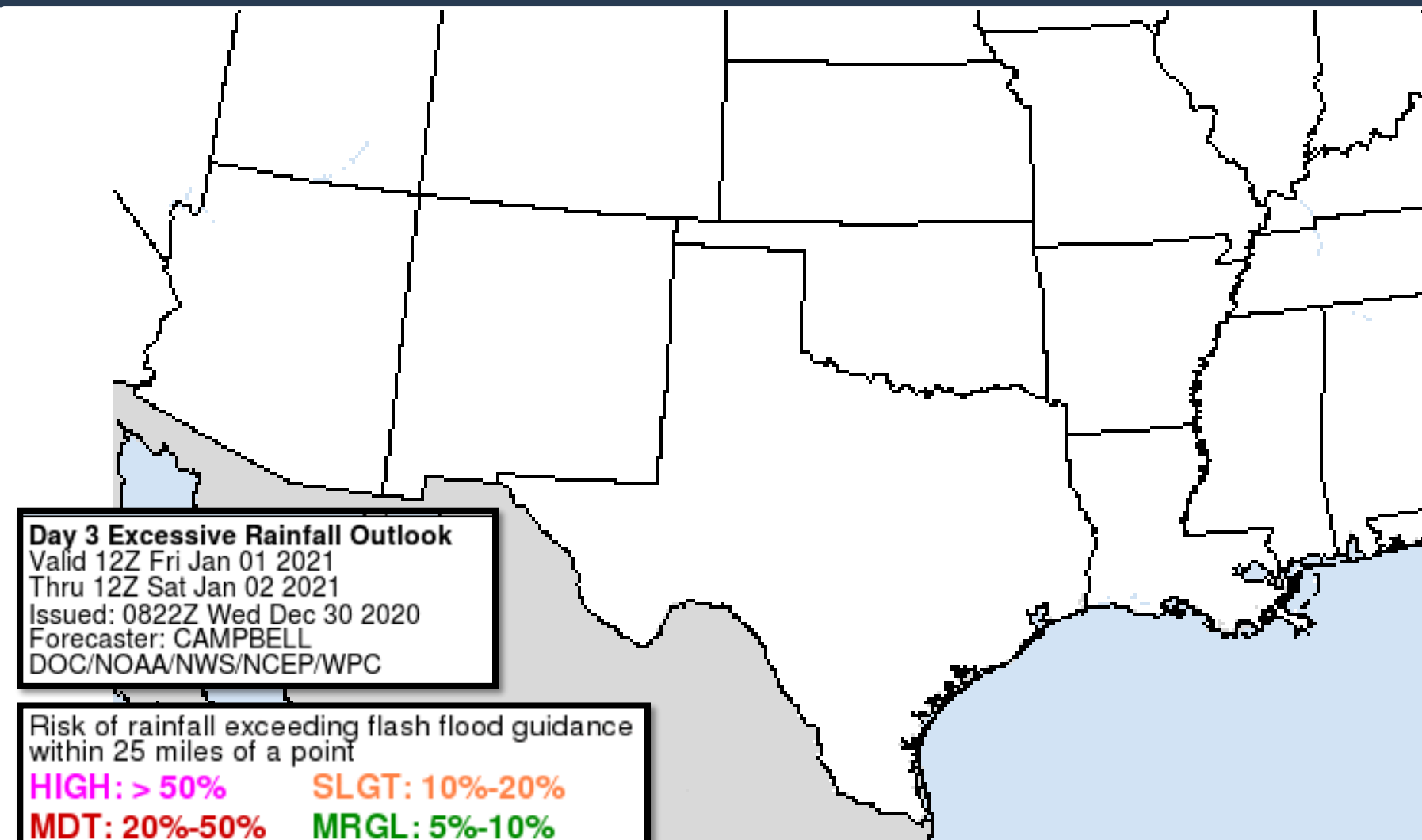


Winter weather/travel impacts may linger for N OK/N AR.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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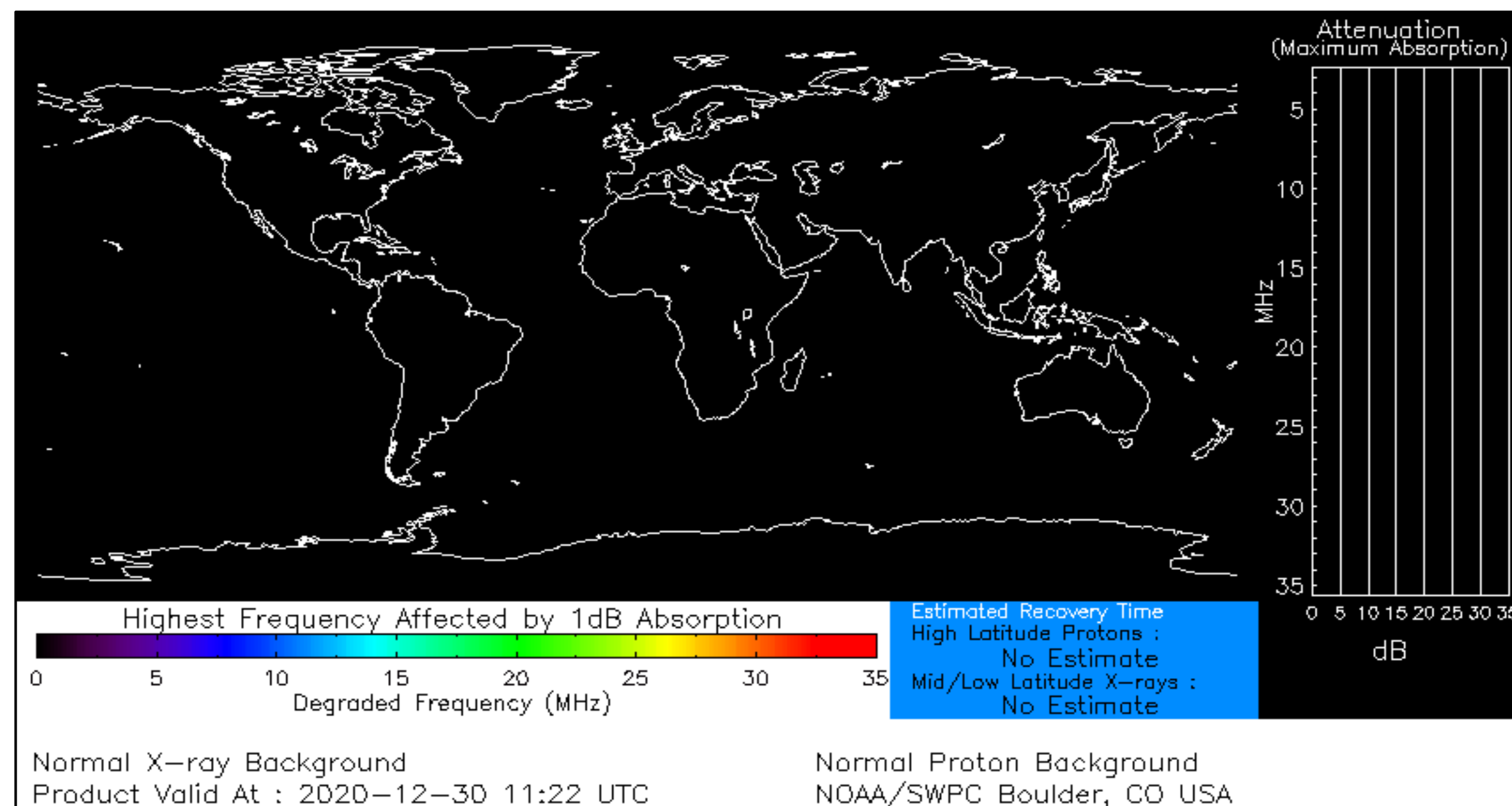
No significant weather impacts expected.

Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



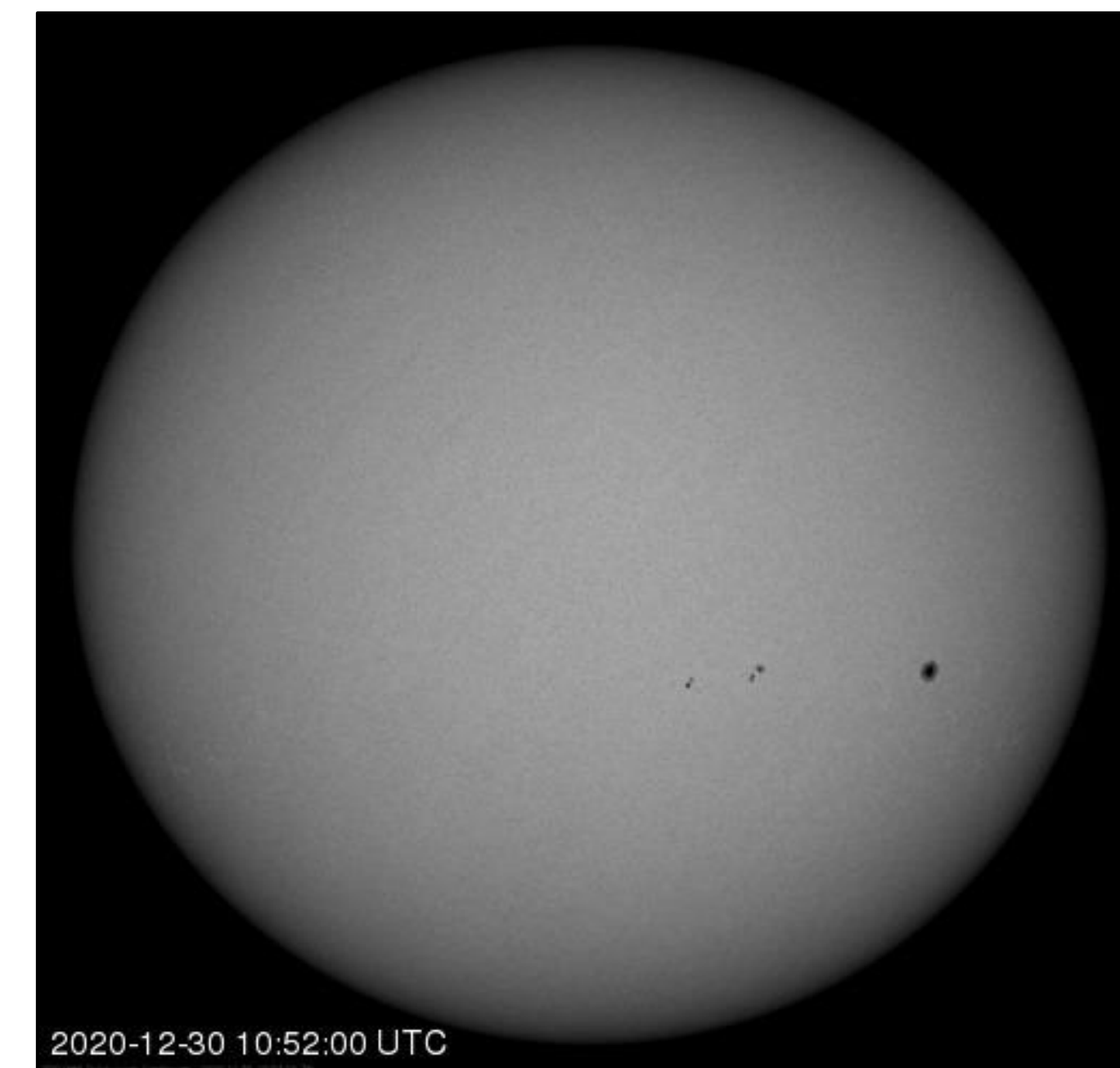
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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